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SUBJECT: LOS: GENERAL COMMITTEE 21 AUGUST

1. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE SOUGHT AND ACHIEVED GENERAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR CONCEPT OF FACTUAL, CONCISE, NON-CONTROVERSIAL REPORT AT END OF CURRENT SESSION WHICH WOULD SUM UP ACCOMPLISHED WORK AND INDICATE FUTURE PLANS. REPORT WOULD INCLUDE LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF UNGA, STATEMENT PERTAINING TO ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE AT NATIONAL LIB MOVEMENTS, AND DECLARATION THAT NEXT SESSION WOULD BEGIN WITH NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT INVOLVE ANY GENERAL DEBATE. THIS GENERAL COMMITTEE DECISION WILL BE EXAMINED BY CONFERENCE 26 AUGUST.

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2. CONFERENCE SCHEDULING: AMERASINGHE HAD PROPOSED TWO

SESSIONS IN 1975 3 MARCH TO 25 APRIL AND 1 JULY TO 22 AUGUST. KENYA STATED THAT AFRICAN GROUP UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED TWO SESSIONS AND WERE SEEKING ONE SESSION IN APRIL/MAY. (REASONS GIVEN WERE ESPENSE, AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL, AND OPINION FIRST SESSION WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE IF SECOND SESSION SCHEDULED).

3. STATEMENTS IN GENERAL COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS INDICATED FOLLOWING TRENDS:

A) EMPHATIC ASSERTION BY STRAVROUPOLOS THAT TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE DURING MAY UNLES CONFERENCES OF SOME SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ARE RESCHEDULED (E.G. WHO).

B) UNANIMOUS PRAISE FOR HOSPITALITY OF VENEZUELA BUT ADMINISSSION BY MANY DELEGATIONS THAT COMMUNICATIONS WITH CAPITALS HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR COUNTRIES WITHOUT MISSIONS HERE. THEREFORE NEXT SESSION MIGHT BEST BE HELD IN GENEVA OR VIENNA.

C) STRONG SUPPORT FOR ONE SESSION IN 1975 OF 6-8 WEEKS DURATION WITH MANY DELEGATIONS OFFERING VARIATIOS SUCH AS 1) OPTION TO EXTEND IF NECESSARY; 2) CREMONIAL SIGNING SESSION IN CARACAS LATER IN YEAR: 3) OR OPTION TO RE-CONVENE EMERGENCY SESSION LATER IN YEAR IN EVENT FIRST SESSION IS YUNABLE TO COMPLETE TASK. ALSO INCLUDED WAS UN-APPROVED RECOMMENDATION THAT UNGA PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 3 TO 5 DELEGATES FROM EACH OF NEEDIEST LDC PARTICIPANTS.

4. US (AMB. STEVENSON) TOLD COMMITTEE THAT SCHEDULE MUST ALLOW CONFERENCE TO COMPLETE WORK IN 1975, URGED SESSION FROM LATE MARCH TO EARLY MAY TO ALLOW ADEQUATE REGIONAL AND INTERSESSIONAL WORK. HE STATED SITE SELECTED MUST HAVE GOOD COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND SUGGESTED GENEVA MIGHT BE BEST. STEVENSON NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO PLAN AND WORK TOWARD ONE SESSION BUT PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY PROCEDURE TO EXTEND OR RE-CONVENE IN EVENT WORK AT FIRST SESSION IS INCOMPLETE. HE SUGGESTED SCHEDULING ONLY ONE SESSION BUT PROVIDING FOR SIGNING IN CARACAS WITH OPTION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK IN CARACAS, IF NECESSARY, BEFORE SIGNING.

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